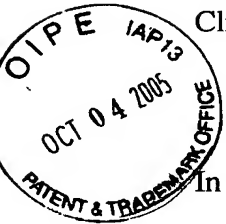


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated September 13, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1-28, drawn to a lithographic projection system and method having a radial gas flushing system. Applicants also wish to prosecute claims 29-31, which were not listed in the above-noted Office Action, but which depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

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